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~~UMBRA~~ SECTION SIX XXMMENPH6--TB06049 3/04 1882-69 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC 111. TAOS A. AIR DEFENSE ACTIVITY THE
LOCATION AND MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF A PARTY
TO PICK UP THE BODY OF AN ENEMY PILOT WERE REPORTED ON 24 AND 29 MARCH AND 1
APRIL. IN A 24 MARCH COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED ENTITIES IT HAS STATED
THAT A 12.7-MM GUN AT KILOMETER 41 (UNLOCATED) HAD EXPENDED ALL ITS AMMUNITION
AT THREE F-100'S AND THAT ONE OF THE PLANES APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN HIT. ALSO,
ONE ENEMY PLANE WAS REPORTEDLY DOWNED WITH THE PILOT REPORTED AS DEAD. A PARTY
HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO RECOVER THE BODY. ON 29 MARCH KIA (KIAK, WITH THE 1ST
COMPANY, 22D AIRCRAFT BATTALION) INFORMED A BATTALION (PROBABLY THE 22D
BATTALION) THAT "23" (POSSIBLY 23D COMPANY) OF "591" (PROBABLY 591ST AAA
REGIMENT) HAD ARRIVED AND WAS OCCUPYING THE AREA OF KILOMETER 96 (PROBABLY ON
ROUTE 91/911) WITH TWO GUNS. ON 1 APRIL QUY (QUY, PROBABLY WITH BINH TRAM 32)
INFORMED AN UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY THAT 37-MM GUNS AT KILOMETER 53 (UNLOCATED)
WERE TO BE MOVED TO KILOMETER 54 (17-06N 105-56E, WD 9989) AND KILOMETER 55
(UNLOCATED). THE MOVE WAS TO BE COMPLETED BY 2200G ON 1 APRIL. KHOA (KHOA,
ASSISTANT COMMANDER, 4TH COMPANY, 18TH AAA BATTALION) REPORTED ON 1 APRIL THAT
EFFORTS WERE TO BE MADE TO MOVE TWO GUNS AT KILOMETER 15 (PROBABLY ON ROUTE
912/120) TO KILOMETER 28 (PROBABLY ON ROUTE 912/20). IT HAS ALSO STATED THAT
ON 1 APRIL B-52'S HAD STRUCK CONTINUOUSLY AT KILOMETER 28. THE EMPLACEMENT OF
MINES WAS REPORTED ON 31 MARCH BY TY (TYJ, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) TO COMMANDER
(TYR, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED). MINES HAD BEEN PLACED ON THREE UNSPECIFIED HIGH
POINTS AND 20 MINES HAD BEEN PLACED ON 1034 (PROBABLY A HIGH POINT, UNLOCATED).
A 12.7-MM GUN WAS TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS ORDERS OF TY
(TYR) BUT DIFFICULTIES WITH REAR AREA PERSONNEL HAD APPARENTLY PREVENTED THIS.
IT HAS ALSO REPORTED THAT RICE SUPPLIES WERE EXHAUSTED AND INSTRUCTIONS WERE
REQUESTED CONCERNING THE PROBLEM. ON 31 MARCH IT WAS REPORTED THAT AN F4 WAS
SHOT DOWN AT 2255(G) BY THE 2D PLATOON, 1ST COMPANY, 34TH BATTALION
(UNLOCATED). THE MESSAGE ALSO REPORTED "INCREASED BOMBING AND DESTRUCTION" FROM
KILOMETERS 10 TO 15 (BOTH UNLOCATED) BETWEEN 1940 AND 2004(G).
(2/G11/VCM/T2648-69, 010800Z, T2458-69, 251935Z, AND T2569-69, 291322Z) B.
MILITARY SITUATION NORTHERN LAOS IN CENTRAL XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, MR 2, THE
RLA 24TH VOLUNTEER BATTALION (BV 24) AND THE 103D PARACHUTE BATTALION (BP 103),
WHICH ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A SHEEP OPERATION SOUTHWEST OF XIENG KHOUANG
(19-20N 103-22E, UG 2938), HAVE ENCOUNTERED HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE, ACCORDING
TO RLA MESSAGES OF 4-6 APRIL. BV 24 REPORTED ON 4 APRIL THAT ITS ELEMENTS
MOVING TO OCCUPY BAN MAY (19-14N 103-16E, UG 1928) AND HIGH GROUND 4 KM EAST OF

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BAN POUING (19 16N 103-19E, UG 2331) WERE PROGRESSING WELL, AND SUBSEQUENTLY HAD SURROUNDED ONE COMMUNIST COMPANY AT BAN MAY ON 5 APRIL. HOWEVER, LATER THE SAME DAY, BP 103 REPORTED THAT TWO COMMUNIST BATTALIONS HAD MOVED FROM THE PLATINE DES JARRES TO A POINT LESS THAN 4 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE GOVERNMENT ELEMENT AT BAN MAY. ADDITIONALLY, TWO OTHER PROBABLE BATTALIONS WERE REPORTEDLY LOCATED WITHIN 9 KM SOUTHWEST OF BAN MAY. BP 103 REQUESTED AIR STRIKES ON ROUTE 7 BETWEEN XIENG KHOUANG AND THE LAI HOUANG (19-24N 103-12E, UG 1045) JUNCTION, WHEREBOTH BP 103 AND BV 24 HAD REPORTED COMMUNIST TRUCK TRAFFIC. ON THE NIGHT OF 5 APRIL, AN RLA 203D SPECIAL BATTALION ELEMENT WAS INVOLVED IN A SKIRMISH 4 KM SOUTHWEST OF BAN MAY AND BP 103 REPORTED THAT ITS POST AT PHOU KHE (POSSIBLY 15-19, 19-19N 103-17E, UG 1937) WAS THREATENED BY COMMUNIST ATTACK FROM THE NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 6 APRIL, THE OPERATIONS COMMAND POST OF BV 24 LOCATED AT MUONG XANG (19-17N 103-17E, UG 2033) REPORTEDLY BEGAN RECEIVING 82-MM RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE. XXIII C

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